involves fresh expenditure. It is an integral part of education and the view taken by Government was that it was not proper to treat this item as isolated to be included before the general scheme of adult education was decided. The decision on this point will be deferred.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:—Will the Government say from what item of expenditure this amount is paid?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—It is paid out of subscriptions under General Administration.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:—Does the Hon'ble Member realise that our State is lagging behind in the matter of village libraries?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Some States like Baroda are ahead of us.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:—Why do you go to Baroda? Travancore Government has alloted 21,000 rupees for this.

Mr. I. N. Menon:—I said States like Baroda; it was not an exhaustive list

Public tanks in Narakkal and Nayarambalam Villages.

193. Mr. George Parakkal:— Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there are no public tanks in the Narakkal and Nayarambalam villages; if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to consider the urgent necessity of providing public tanks for bathing purposes in these villages?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— There are no public tanks in these villages. But whether urgent necessity exists is doubtful as in these littoral tracts almost all compounds have tanks of their own.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they know that on the western parts of Narakal and Nayarambalam the lands are accresions and that the water is saltish?

Dr E. S. R. Menon:—May be saltish.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Whether the tanks referred to are not lying to the east of these western tract accresion lands?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Whether Phylaria and other accompanying diseases are very common in these regions and whether the Government has considered the question of the necessity of water supply to Azhikkal, Nayarambalam, Kuzhuppilli and those other places?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—It is under the consideration of the Government.

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Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:—What do the Government propose to do to help the villagers of these places where you can get salt water only by digging? What other method can the Government adopt?

Mr. President:—By carrying fresh water from places where it is available.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The only method for improving the water is to install the system of productive water supply from the Alwaye river.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Whether they know that almost all the poor people in these villages are living to the west near the sea-shore?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:—Since the Hon'ble Member has made the statement I will take it as correct.

Mr. George Parakkal:—Whether the Government will investigate into the matter and do something remediable if this remedy is needed?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon—Government will look into it.

Additional Carpentry teacher for the Government Industrial School, Narakkal.

194. Mr. George Parakkal:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if it is aware that there are 62 pupils in the Carpentry section of the Government Industrial School, Narakkal, and that there is only one teacher

(b) will the Government be pleased to state if the necessity of an extra teacher in Carpentry has been pointed out; and

(c) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action does the Government propose to take in the matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) An additional Carpentry teacher has been posted to the school.

Road-opening of—Kumbalam.

195. Mr. A. Narayana Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received any petitions from the inhabitants of Kumbalam desam requesting for a roadway for the use of the inhabitants of the place;

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